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# Library to hand out maps, soda

**By Elise Podhajsky** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The beginning of each semester always finds several students wandering across campus with a compact map glued to their faces. These students are usually in a frenzied search for Umberger or Thompson Halls, desperate to arrive at the right building and classroom before the bells sound. Though it is an often-entertaining ritual for many upperclassmen, amusement is about the only purpose this technique serves. New students fret no more: there is a better

From 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Tuesday on the lawn between Hale Library and the English and Counseling Services building, library faculty members will offer directions, easy-to-read maps and ice-cold beverages to students who need assistance or just need to quench their thirst.

The support service, known as "Information Oasis," began a number of years ago after library staff members noticed several students dropping by the library to ask for directions.

"We would get so many questions inside the library from students who would come in and try to figure out where their classes were," said Sara Kearns, associate professor in Hale Library. "It seemed like there must be more students than just those who came that needed help."

And the annual help stand was born.

The oasis was set up on Saturday for those hoping to get their bearings before classes began and will go through Tuesday.

"[We usually have] a lot of transfer students, international students and freshmen drop by," said Laurel Littrell, associate professor in Hale Library, "but it's really for anybody who needs directions or anybody who's out and about and thirsty."

In previous years facilitators gave away free bottles of water, but thanks to PepsiCo Inc., students passing by now can grab a free soda as well. Kearns said the Oasis helped hundreds of students this weekend, and though the tent will close at 3 p.m. today and Tuesday, students are still encouraged to drop by the library after hours with any inquiries.

"We just want people to ask questions," she said. "Even if they don't see us out here, just come inside. We're pretty good at answering a lot of questions about campus or any other information you might need."

# Welcome back



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

The K-State Flag took to the field with the K-State marching band for the host of Students that filled east side of the Bill Synder Family Stadium Sunday for the first annual Week of Welcome- Kick Off Party.

# Students flock to back-to-school pep-rally

**By Steve Berklund** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State students gathered at Bill Snyder Family Stadium Sunday evening as it marked the kickoff to the Week of Welcome

festivities.

The evening started with a freshman class picture, followed by free hot dogs, chips and soda provided for the first 3,000 students. Vice President of Student Life Pat Bosco and Student Body President Dalton Henry were among those helping students by giving out free hot dogs.

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"I thought we had a great turnout as far as students coming out here goes," Henry said.

"We had a great group of staff and volunteers help put [Week of Welcome Kickoff] on."

While students were enjoying the refreshments provided, recording artist Ziv performed for the crowd. Students with ICAT athletic tickets also could pick up their ICAT T-shirts and membership cards throughout the event.

The K-State Marching Band marched onto the field and turned the event into a pep rally. Director of Bands Frank Tracz led the crowd on a crash course about how to cheer at games. The band, along with the K-State cheerleaders and Classy Cats, performed at the rally in preparation for the first game of the year on Sept. 5. The band played every song they would normally perform during a game as well as the pregame routine. Willie the Wildcat also provided the student section with entertainment as he led the students in the "K-S-U" chant.

The athletic department took over after the marching band performed, as a handful of guest speakers talked to students. University President Kirk Shulz and Athletic Director John Currie spoke to students first about what needs to happen to make the K-State student section the best in the conference. Women's volleyball head coach Suzie Fritz, men's basketball head coach Frank Martin and head football coach Bill Snyder also addressed the crowd about academics and supporting various sports.

"This is really a cool thing," Schulz said. "Seeing this many people excited about football season coming up and just the whole event to get students ready for classes."

Schulz said he thought Fritz, Martin and Snyder are great representations of K-State.

"They want to see as many students out there as possible to support our programs and our teams, and I know all three of them and they're doing a great job for us," Schulz said.

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Nate Warren, graduate assistant and coordinator for the event, told the students that this year the student section at football games will be named for the

first time.

"We thought naming the student section would be a good way for giving students a little bit of ownership and unity," Warren said. "At the University of Tennessee we did something similar and named it 'Orange Nation'. It was something people recognized and really rallied behind."

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The Freshman College President **Schultz** took time to visit with the mighty Men's Basketball Coach **Frank Martin** on the sideline of the WOW Kickoff party as they waited to address the assembly of students that came out to the Sunday night event held at Bill Synder Family Stadium.

# Band continues traditional Aggieville march

**By Justin Moss** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Onlookers in Aggieville last Saturday night had the opportunity to participate in the first Wabash and fight song of the school year with the K-State band.

Around 8 p.m., the cheerleading team and Classy Cats marched down Moro Street in Aggieville with the K-State band following close behind. They were led by a very proud and excited band director Frank Tracz, who stopped the band in front of Last Chance to perform for the community of Manhattan.

Though this might be the first time playing in Aggieville for some new band members, it's definitely not a first for the K-State band. "Fifteen or 16 years ago, we were at band camp on a Friday night, and it was very slow going and the kids were struggling," Tracz said. "I thought we needed something to have a little bit of fun and maybe break the rules a little bit, so I told them to just march down to Aggieville, play the fight song, the Wabash, and just run."

The decision to march into Aggieville was greeted by police sirens, cop cars and traffic jammed in all directions. The following Monday, the Aggieville Business Association and the Riley County Police Department called to warn the band that permission was needed before the band could march off campus into Aggieville.

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**Willie** the Wildcat watches as a blare of horns and crash of symbols fill the air Saturday evening in Aggieville as the Kansas State University Marching Band performs in Aggieville.

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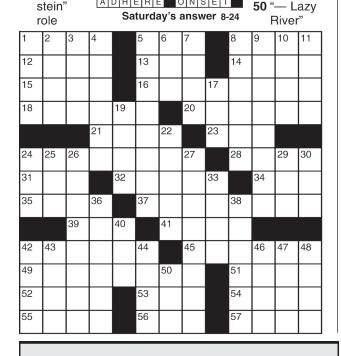
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### **STREET TALK**

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I dropped my [box spring] down three flights of half.

Having to move in going up and down seven flights of stairs.

Freshman, architecture

Jordan Lennan



Arielle Monroe Junior, psychology



Stephanie Kunz

Junior, nutrition



campus after moving in.

Jeremy Millershaski Freshman, engineering

# Corrections and clarifications

### THERE WAS AN ERROR ON **KSTATECOLLEGIAN.COM**

Shane Andrew Bishop, 28, was found dead in his Manhattan home August 10. Bishop, a sophomore, died of unknown causes. The Collegian reported that Bishop died of a heart attack. The autopsy results are not available yet. The Collegian regrets the error.

THERE WAS AN ERROR IN THE JULY 29 ISSUE OF THE COL-LEGIAN.

In the article about the Kansas Board of Regents the hometowns of Dan Lykins and Janie Perkins were reversed. Lykins is an attorney from Topeka and Perkins is from Garden City, Kan. The Collegian regrets the error.

If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Sarah Rajewski at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY** 

# Will you participate in Week of Welcome?

To submit your answer visit www.kstatecollegian.com. Results for the question of the day will be posted in the following issue of the Collegian.

# THE PLANNER

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

The K-State Inline Hockey Club will hold its first meeting of the year at 6 p.m. on Tuesday in Waters 137. All interested students and current members should attend. Pizza will be provided.

**Intramural entries** for flag football, soccer, individual singles sports, and tailgate games tournament will be accepted Aug. 27-Sept. 3 in the administrative office at the Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, call 785-532-6980 or go online to recservices.k-state.edu.

**Rec Services** seeks officials for intramural flag football and soccer. Starting pay is \$7.75. The training clinic for flag football will be at 5 p.m. on Sept. 1-3. The clinic for soccer will be at 6 p.m. on Sept. 8-9. To qualify, attend all sessions for each sport at the Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, contact Armando Espinoza at 785-532-6980.

**Rec Fest** will be at the Peters Recreation Complex from 6-8 p.m. on Sept. 1. Participate in free fitness testing, sample BOSU, indoor cycling, group fitness mini-sessions and new equipment. Meet personal trainers and sport clubs representatives and sign up for intramurals. Student ID or facility membership required. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

**Group fitness sessions** offered by Recreational Services at the Natatorium and Peters Recreation Complex will begin Sept. 2. The schedule will be available online at recservices.k-state.edu by 5 p.m. on Aug. 24.

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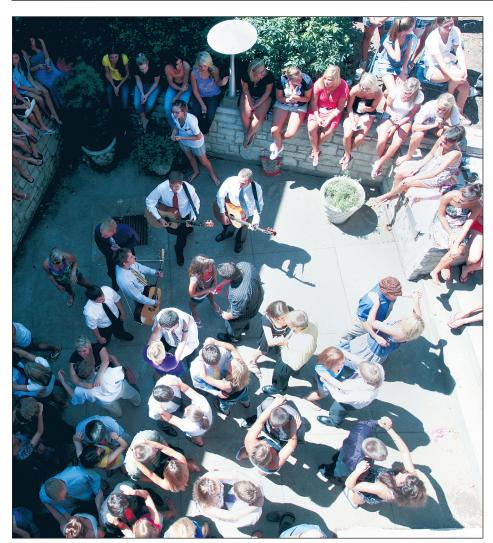


# Fraternity members, singing sausages serenade sororities



nity men, **Dan** Mulder, sophomore in mechanical engineering, HarryMcdonald, senior in mechanical engineering and Ethan Noll, in agronomy, dressed as hot dogs sing to the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma soroity on Sunday afternoon.

Photos by Chelsy Lueth COLLEGIAN





**Left**: New members of Delta Upsilon serenade and waltz with the women of Delta Delta Sunday afternoon during the annual greek serenading ceremony.

**Above: Sam Baker** (left) and **Derrick Slucie** of Sigma Nu serenade Sigma Kappa Sorority on Sigma's front lawn Sunday afternoon.







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# Criminal INjustice system

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to representation and a fair trial, no matter how much money they earn. For those in the lower to middle class, this right is threatened because public defenders are overworked and underpaid. Many public defenders meet their clients for the first time minutes before



**BOBBY GOMEZ** 

Eighty to 90 percent of those accused by state prosecutors must rely on the state's indigent defense programs, according to testimony by Robin Dahlberg, a senior attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union, before Congress in March. Dahlberg explained that it is common for prosecuting attorney offices to have a budget as much as three times greater than those of indigent defense offices.

The failure of states to adequately fund and administer public defender services infects the entire criminal justice system," Dahlberg said. "This failed system compromises our ability to produce just results."

Lawyers and advocates have filed lawsuits in states from New York to Arizona citing evidence that low-income people are having their constitutional rights violated by not being able to receive a fair trial. In Kansas and Minnesota, public defenders are refusing cases outright, according to a National Public Radio report released Aug. 17, 2009.

Eddie Joe Lloyd was wrongly convicted in 1985 of the rape and murder of 16-year-old Michelle Jackson. Innocently wanting to help the investigation of Michelle's death, Lloyd contacted police while he was in a hospital receiving treatment for mental illness. Police then interrogated Lloyd at the hospital multiple times before he confessed to the murder with horrific, specific details all details the police had informed him of during their interrogations, according to the Innocence Project, a national advocacy group.



Lloyd was represented by a public defender who conducted no investigation into Lloyd's mental health or confession. This lawyer withdrew from the case eight days before trial. A second attorney was appointed and the trial was not postponed. The trial attorney did not speak with the pre-trial attorney, did not question the details of the investigation, did not cross-examine police officers involved and did not call any defense witnesses, but did give a five-minute closing statement. Within an hour the jury convicted Lloyd, and he was given a life sentence without parole.

A third public defender took Lloyd's appeal. The attorney never once met Lloyd or accepted any of his phone calls. The appeal failed and Lloyd filed a complaint to the state about his lawyer. According to court documents, Lloyd's attorney refuted the complaint by stating, "This is a sick individual who raped kidnapped and strangled a young woman on her way to school. His claim of my wrongdoing is frivolous, just as is his existence. Both should be terminated."

Lloyd's constitutional rights to an adequate defense and a fair trial were not upheld until the Innocence Project provided an attorney for Lloyd. A fair investigation ensued, and DNA evidence supported Lloyd's innocence. After 17 years in prison, in 2002 Lloyd was exonerated and released. Lloyd tragically died two years later and Michelle's killer has still not been found.

Lloyd's case highlights multiple systematic flaws with our judicial system at multiple levels of government. Our local, state and federal governments need to reevaluate our judicial system and ensure that they are protecting the constitutional rights of all citizens. Doing so is the first way our country can begin to apologize to Lloyd and his family for violating his constitutional rights and every second of every hour he spent behind bars for 17 long years.

Bobby Gomez is a senior in elementary education. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

# Summer vacations, incomes cause education gaps

Most college students believe their summer months are not as carefree as the ones that

came before. Pre-college students count the days until the last bell signifies the start of summer. Blissful nights of catching lightning bugs, playing outside, riding bikes and eating popsicles abound. No thoughts



MOLLY **HAMM** 

of school enter their minds as they spend time poolside or playing a summer

As college students, we too spend the last few days of the year counting down until we are released from yet another semester of school. Now, however, our summers bear an eerie resemblance to the semester we just left behind. We find ourselves studying abroad, catching up on classes or summer reading, taking full-time jobs or juggling time with friends and family. By the time we arrive back to school, many of us are hardly as refreshed as we remember being at the end of summers long past.

That's part of the problem with our perception of summer. We embrace and defend summer's role as a time of rest and relaxation from the trials and tribulations of the school year. Three months is more than enough time to recuperate from the year, yet we become outraged anytime we catch wind of efforts to expand the school year. Surely summer was made for us to have quality time to enjoy the pool and summer activi-

ties, right? Not so fast. Long summers are an outdated leftover from the agrarian days of society combined

with the misguided beliefs of a few education reformers. According to Time magazine's "A Brief History of: Summer Vacation," reformers such as Horace Mann believed that "overstimulating young minds could lead to nervous disorders or insanity." That's quite a claim. And thus summer was born. And we've been too busying enjoying ourselves, or spreading ourselves too

thin, to question it. Summer breaks in the United States last, on average, 90 days. The other 275 are split between school, weekends, and holidays. No wonder our education scores often lag behind those of other countries. Beyond international comparability, our sluggish summer months spark inequities between students in our own back-

A recent Washington Post article, "Active Summer, Active Minds," points to studies from Johns Hopkins University, the

University of Tennessee and the University of Virginia that show that most students lose two to two and a half months of math skills learned in the previous year regardless of family income or background. But when it comes to students from low-income families, they lose two to three months of reading skills learned in the previous year.

Much of this has to do with differences in what happens at home during the summer months. Students from higher-income families often take advantage of the summer months by participating in camps, educational programming, or reading the stash of books they have accessible at home. Students from lower-income families do not have these basic opportunities, which help other students learning and build background knowledge throughout the summer months.

"If we can eliminate the summer gap, we can close the long-

standing achievement gap between richer and poorer kids," said Richard Allington, a professor of education at the University of Tennessee and past president of the International Reading Association. "Two-thirds of the achievement gap occurs during the summers, not during the school year.

So while we may complain about the amount of activity we now pack into our college summers, let's face it: these activities are what keep us from losing some of the valuable learning we've done over the past year. But we can do better for all students, not just those who can afford summer enrichment. I would be the first to argue that we can do with a little more school and a little less sum-

Molly Hamm is a senior in education and international studies. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

# Editor-in-Chief looks to give readers a voice this semester

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As the Editor-in-Chief it is my goal to make sure that the Collegian meets those expectations every day.

The Collegian serves as the voice of K-State's student body and members of the Manhattan community, so every time you pick up

the paper or log on to kstatecollegian.com, you should find stories, photos, videos and editorials that represent you. I want to produce fair and accurate coverage of a wide diversity of events, groups and people at K-State and in Manhattan.

The Collegian staff also aims to give our readers a voice in the Collegian through the Forum, letters to the editor, daily polls and guest editorials.

During my time with the Collegian as a reporter, sports writer and metropolitan editor I covered a wide variety of people and issues on our campus and in our community. I hope to continue to do so as the Editorin-Chief.

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**Hey** K-State Fourum, true Wildcat Power over here in Maryland. And I'm still yelling "Go

Hope this pink glider flies.

**Dude**, Bosco's jeep has a radar detector. How cool is that?

Woo! Get some, storm's coming in. Woo!

You can sure tell that the tools are back in. All the security guys are going to the Rec in their support groups. And the polos? Come on guys.

Rush week might as well be called "Conform to Us" week.

I love K-State, I love rush week.

**Be** great? More like be great be greek.

Yeah you're my B!

First day back in Manhattan, and I've already seen some guy cheated on his wife.



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# Tap happy: dance ensemble practices for upcoming events

By Amanda Keim KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

For the last week, the KSU Tap Dance Ensemble has been participating in a dance boot camp. The members of the ensemble worked for eight hours a day, five days straight practicing their dance pieces for the upcoming year.

"The most challenging thing about boot camp was maintaining enough energy throughout the eight hours of the day," said Rachel Witham, graduate student. "It is hard enough to maintain enough physical energy to dance for that long of a time period, but then to have to be alert and focused mentally to learn and remember new dances is also tough."

Julie Pentz, managing and artistic director of the KSU Tap Dance Ensemble and assistant professor of dance, said the ensemble is beginning its second year as a group and that throughout 2008, they performed at more than 30 events.

Amanda Meinhardt, sophomore in theatre, said with only one year of tapping experience, it was challenging to pick up so many complicated pieces. In the first three days of the boot camp, the members learned nine different dances.

Despite the week of eight-hour dance sessions, many of the ensemble members agree that the work was well

"I agreed to do a week-long boot camp because I knew it would be a great way to get back in shape and learn a lot of material in a short amount of time," Witham said. "There are only about three dances that I did not know beforehand, but I have enjoyed having a time to get together and learn the rest I did not know. Plus, I just

Meinhardt forfeited being a part of rush for her sorority in order to donate her time to dance. Other members took the week of work, and some even took extra hours, to make up for that lost work time.

At the end of each day, sore feet and tired bodies greeted the dancers. Members found a variety of ways to remedy their different ailments.

"I took a shower, soaked my feet in hot water for about a half hour, then iced my ankles with my feet propped up," said Megan Wilson, senior in mass communications. "After I rested for a while, I stretched for about 15 minutes so my muscles wouldn't be too tight in the morning. I made sure to eat healthy and go to bed at a decent time so I wouldn't be really tired the next day."

The Tap Dance Ensemble offers a variety of services throughout the year, including live performances, lecture demonstrations, themed programs and holiday tap-o-grams. All of the services are free of cost, though the program does ask



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

Members of the Kansas State Tap Ensemble Heather Harberberger (left) and Whitney Wear slip on thier tap shoes between songs during rehearsal on Friday. This past week was an extensive "bootcamp" for the tap dance team; dancers performed eight hours a day for five days this week.



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# Snyder scores at Fan Day

# Fans show for practice, autographs

By Grant Guggisberg KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Hundreds of fans milled into Bill Snyder Family Stadium Saturday seeking autographs from their favorite players and a glimpse of the K-State football team's progress since the spring game.

Fan Appreciation Day started at 5 p.m. with purple-clad students and families viewing the final hour of practice, followed by a message from head coach Bill Snyder and team captains. The event ended with an autograph session.

Throughout the practice session, fans debated amongst themselves everything from who will start at quarterback to who will be the next great player in seasons to come. Among this group, it was easy to find support for the resurgence of Snyder.

"I'm pretty stoked," said Andrew Gunzelman, senior in management information systems. "There's been a lot of hype [and] I hope it meets that. I'm expecting it not to suck. So we need to not lose to KU."

Others were less confident in a quick turnaround for a team picked to finish fifth in the six-team Big 12 North.

"I'm cautiously optimistic," said Patrick Short, senior in architectural engineering. "I'm glad [former head coach Ron Prince] is gone, but I know people who are out of their mind about Snyder returning?

Neither of them expressed any interest in giving up on Snyder, even if this year doesn't go as well as they hope. Both said

they would not fire him after one bad year. "Not this year," Short said. "I think it's silly to fire a coach after just one year, no

matter who it is." After practice and a team huddle at



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Bill Snyder, head football coach, reaches for posters as patrons enter the field awaiting the autograph session during fan appreciation day, Saturday at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

midfield, Snyder addressed the crowd, emphasizing many of the things he's talked about since he was reintroduced as head coach, namely his K-State family.

"There's a word up there on that press box that says 'family,'" Snyder said. "You indeed are that family, and a strong part of that family. I appreciate you a great deal."

Snyder recalled a story from 1989, when low attendance numbers and the possibility of K-State losing its Division I status were looming over the school. He praised the fans that made up the average attendance of 13,000 that year, as well as the fans he built his program around in the 1990s.

"So many of you were among those 13,000 and many more of you were among those fans that began to promote Kansas State University and support it," he said.

Following his address, Snyder introduced his assistants and all of the seniors on the roster. He wrapped things up with a piece of advice to the crowd before inviting them to the field to sign autographs. Snyder's line was by far the longest of anyone, including players and assistant coaches.

K-State opens its football season at home against the University of Massachusetts on Sept. 5. The event, which Snywder has coined the "K-State Family Reunion," will mark the beginning of Snyder's 18th football season as head coach of the Wildcats.

# Volleyball team faces tough schedule



Photos by Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

JuliAnne Chisholm, (far right) waits with the front line for a serve at the net at Saturday's White and Purple Scrimmage, which was the first public match for the Volleyball team of the year.

By Justin Nutter

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Replacing five starters is rarely an easy task for a head coach of any kind, and doing so while facing some of the nation's elite programs doesn't make the job any

more appealing. But that's the challenge Suzie Fritz, head K-State volleyball coach, and the No. 22 K-State volleyball team will face as the Wildcats begin the 2009 campaign on Aug. 28 in Omaha, Neb. K-State will open its season with an appearance in the AVCA Showcase, which includes back-toback matches against No. 11 Minnesota and No. 16 Mich-

Fritz, who enters her ninth season as head volleyball coach, said the showcase - a late addition to the non-conference slate - complements an already difficult schedule leading into conference play.

"We originally already thought our schedule was pretty competitive," she said. "Now, with the addition of [this tournament] and adding two quality Big 10 teams to the schedule, now it's on. Our preseason is as difficult as any one we have ever had. We are trying to do that in replacing a good majority of our core.

That core includes former outside hitters Rita Liliom, Jenny Jantsch and twotime AVCA All-American Nataly Korobkova. The trio combined for 1,065 kills in 2008. To put that in perspective, that was nearly two thirds of the team's kill total a year ago.

"Having to replace three outside hitters is a significant challenge, but it is what it is," Fritz said. "We've had since January to start preparing those kids who will have to fill those roles."

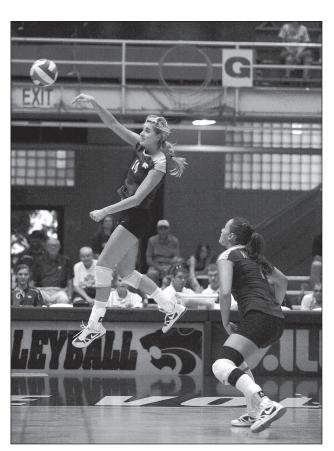
K-State must also replace former libero Leslie Townsend, who saw action in all 32 matches a year ago, and middle blocker Megan Farr, who led the team with 151 blocks.

Despite losing so much depth, the Wildcats will begin the season just two spots below their final No. 20 ranking in 2008. Junior libero Lauren Mathewson said she's not surprised that the squad managed to crack the top 25 even though there are so many voids to fill.

"It shows other people have confidence in this program," she said. "Even with losing five seniors, they know this program is always about excellence. We're always about pushing no matter who we lose and we're always going to work our hardest."

Middle blocker Kelsey Chipman, one of two seniors on the team's roster, said last year's seniors left some big shoes to fill, but the team has embraced the challenge and everyone will look to contribute this year.

"[Last year's seniors] were great players," she said. "But we're really excited with the people that we have this



Kelsey Chipman, starting Middle Blocker, jumps up to spike a return during Saturday's Purple and White Scrimmage in the Ahern Field House.

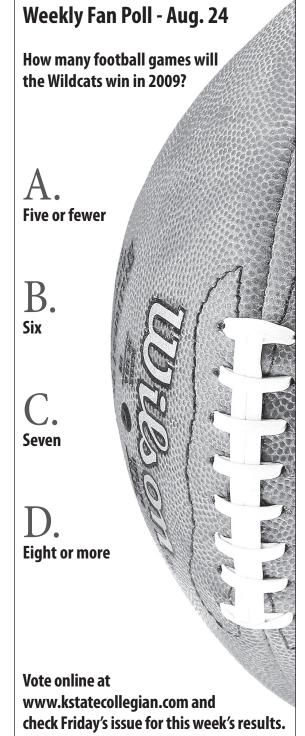
year. [The offense] will come from everybody. I think this is a team that's going to have to be spread out. We're going to have to trust each other."

Chipman, a native of Topeka, is the Wildcats' most experienced player, having seen action in each of her first three seasons. She led all returning players with 258 kills last year.

echoed Mathewson

Chipman's thoughts, saying the team's unpredictability could work as an advantage early in the season.

"It's going to be harder for our competition because they're not going to know that we just depend on one person," she said. "I think we're excited that we have distribution to everyone. We're going to expect a lot from everybody this year."





## Mon. 24

- "Information Oasis," 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., west side of Hale Library, K-State Libraries are offering information about K-State Libraries, help finding classes and giveaways.
- Student Assistance, a.m.-1 p.m. There will be a ROCKSTAR energy
- giveaway and help booths for students with any questions
- International Music and Dance Festival, 7-10 p.m., ECM Building on Denison Avenue
- of Education College Ambassadors will celebrate Education Experience Day in drink front of Bluemont Hall.

## Tues. 25

- "Information Oasis," 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., west side of Hale Library, the libraries is offering information about K-State Libraries, help finding classes and giveaways.
- International Open House, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., International Student Center
- Arts and Sciences Fair, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., lawn between Eisenhower Hall and Anderson Hall
- School of Leadership Studies Open House, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 918 N. Manhattan Ave. (from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and 2323 Anderson Ave., Suite 125 (from 3
- ÛPC presents "Break! The Urban Funk Spectacular," noon
- to 1 p.m., Bosco Student Plaza (or the K-State Student Union Courtyard in the event of rain)
- Fun with Chet, 6-8 p.m., Rec Center. There will be tours every 15 minutes and pick-up basketball, badminton and volleyball games, as well as the beginning of Tuesday Night Indoor Soccer.
- College of Business' "Welcome to Calvin Hall," 4:30-6 p.m., Calvin Hall east lawn (or third floor in the event of rain)
- College of Education welcome, 1-3 p.m., in front of Bluemont Hall
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# 26 Wed.

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- UPC Lunchtime Lounge, noon to 1 p.m., Bosco Student
- Plaza (or the Union Courtyard in the event of rain) Career and Employment Services Backyard Barbecue, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Holtz Hall south

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- Part-Time Opportunities Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Union Ballroom (second floor)
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# President Schulz looks to lead K-State in new direction

By Hannah Loftus KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In Feb. 2009, the Kansas Board of Regents appointed Kirk Schulz to replace retiring

President Ion Wefald, making Schulz the 13th president of K-State.

While most students have been away this summer, President Schulz has been laboring



Schulz

to get ready, not only for the new school year, but also to lead the K-State community in a new direction.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as K-State's President since mid-June," Schulz said. "What I like is that everyday is a little different, and I enjoy talking about K-State and where I see us going in the future. The only major obstacle has been that there is simply not enough time in the day to do everything I would like to do."

Before Schulz had a moment to settle into 100 Wilson Court, he was already trying to calm the K-State community over the findings of the Board of Regents transition audit.

According to the Kansas City Star, the 36-page Grant Thornton audit brought a wave of outrage and concern to the K-

State community about certain financial practices.

President Schulz said he fully supports the release of the audit to the public and has done much to collaborate with the community.

On June 29, Schulz and Athletic Director John Currie hosted an open forum for discussing

"I thought it was right-on in terms of what they needed to do from the standpoint of restoring confidence in the university community that can only be accomplished through communication," said Steve Smethers, associate professor of journalism and mass communications, in a July 1 article of the Collegian.

Schulz designated a 12member committee to assist him in responding to the Board of Regents as a result of the audit. The committee will examine current financial practices and assist the oversight to additional audits. In his blog, Schulz acknowledges the strong sense of disappointment about the fallout but expresses optimism for the future.

Schulz said he recognizes the many challenges facing the university budget and feels that keeping communication lines open is healthy.

Budgeting is a complex issue, but we are going to work with our student government to be sure that we keep tuition increases modest, control student fees, and that we always keep in mind that K-State must be affordable for Kansas families," Schulz said. "Certainly new opportunities were created when K-State received \$133.6 million of new research money. The money is a new record for K-State and is a strong testament to the quality of our faculty and staff who are generating large numbers of competitive proposals. It will be important for us to continue to expand our research portfolio at K-State, and that will require continued investment in faculty support, renovation of research space and continued funding of additional support staff."

Taking up some of President Schulz's time will be the construction of the new National Bio and Agro-Defense facili-

"I believe that the location of NBAF in Manhattan will have a significant effect on our research stature, nationally and internationally," Schulz said. "Right now Dr. Ron Trewyn is leading our efforts related to NBAF, and he is providing excellent leadership.

According to the President's blog, he attended the opening of the new Student Life Center at K-State's Olathe campus. In addition, he has spoken to over 2,000 alumni at events as far away as the Twin Cities in Minnesota.

Schulz said he also plans on making monthly visits to K-State's Salina and Olathe campuses to try and improve communications with faculty and students.

Pat Bosco, vice president for student life, said he has noticed a change since Schulz took

"Recruitment crowds have definitely been larger, and we have had a higher turnout," Bosco said. "Everyone is energized by President Schulz and all the productive work he is doing. Schulz is doing everything he can to connect with students across campus, and he has really caught the imagination of K-Staters! It's incredible!"

President Schulz said his primary focus is advertising the K-State brand to create a common look and feel. This includes the creation of a new cabinet position associated with marketing and communication to maximize the impact of student work. A bigger web presence, including the official K-State YouTube.com channel has been another goal. Communication with K-State students is an area of emphasis the president wants to gain attention in, and according to Schulz's twitter. com page, he hopes to do Internet web chats with students in the fall.

"I have enjoyed seeing what types of things students post on their facebook.com pages and what they send in their Tweets. I do want our students to feel comfortable with me as president," Schulz said. "I think the social media tools help me to be more approachable to K-State

Bosco said Schulz's changes have only been for the better.

"The President's core values allowed him to fit right in with K-State's traditions from day one," Bosco said. "He really understands that students come

As students prepare to go back to school, Schulz had one thing for students to foster.

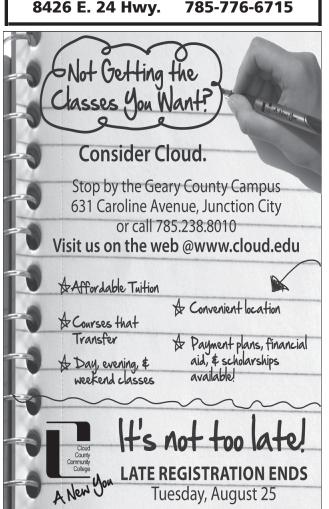
"I want everyone to be involved in K-State, which can include going to a football game, attending a concert at McCain Auditorium, visiting the Beach Museum to see a new display, participating in an international festival, attending a student picnic or whatever they want to do. If our faculty, staff and students embrace the many experiences available on the K-State campus, we will all enjoy the opportunity to be associated with a leading university," Schulz said.

Students wanting to learn more about Schulz can go to the President's page on K-State's Web site or view his Twitter.com and Facebook.com accounts.

President Schulz said he is open to all suggestions or comments from students.









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# 5th annual Petpoolooza hosts furry friends poolside

By Jason Miller KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The typical inhabitants of the CiCo Park pool changed drastically Sunday as more than 100 dogs entered the pool area to swim, fetch and play as part of the fifth annual Petpooloo-

The event, dubbed "an annual furry fundraiser," is used to collect money for the T. Russell Reitz animal shelter.

The gates opened shortly before 1 p.m., and within minutes, dozens of dogs were running around to the vendors for treats and jumping into the two pools open to them. Each year, the City of Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department plans the benefit event. Ashley Penner, recreation coordinator for the parks and recreation department, said she looks forward to Petpoolooza each year.

"It's a fun family event where people can share the day with their dog in a safe environment, but the reason that we're here is to benefit the shelter," Penner said.

Fundraising is particularly important to the staff of the shelter this year as the facility was recently granted an expansion to house cats as well.

Petpoolooza is one of the animal shelter's largest fundraising events. Rebecca Erickson, a technician at the shelter, said the shelter does receive funds from the city of Manhattan, but the funding has declined each year so donations and fundraising have become



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Petpoolooza, annual fundraiser, features a pet marketplace, dog swim and prizes. Petpoolooza was held at CiCo Park swimming pool Sunday afternoon.

"This is my favorite event of the year," said Erickson. "People swim with their dogs in the pool, and with Manhattan not having a fenced-in dog park, this is a way for dogs to get socialized with other dogs and for people to meet others with similar interests.'

As donations were collected and more dogs flowed into the pool area, it became obvious that the canines in attendance

were just excited to be inside the pool's fence. Dogs were lying around poolside, jumping in the water after balls and chasing one another around like children would.

The scene seemed chaot-

ic to many attendees, but Kelly Neel, owner of Howl-A-Dayz Inn and Daycare, seemed at home amongst the chaos.

"We work really closely with the shelter all year, and this is just a really fun event to do," said Neel. "I think anytime the community can encourage people to get their dogs out and socialize them, it's always a good thing."

Neel said that a main reason dogs end up in the shelter is because they have separation anxiety or problems controlling their energy. She said socializing dogs can have profound effects on their behavior.

There was definitely no shortage of dogs to run around and socialize with.

Dog owners from all over Manhattan made their way to the pool area to spend time with their canine companions and their new friends.

'We have tons of students that bring their dogs out here," said Chelsie Burden, third year vet-med student. "Of course most of us [in the vet school] have our own animals. I think it's good. What better way to end the summer than having the dogs come out to swim?"

While the dogs continued to swim and play, the Manhattan Kennel Club had an agility demo for the crowd at 2 p.m. Following the demonstration, some dogs were allowed to run through the obstacle course.

As the event came to a close at 4 p.m., there was a drawing held for gift baskets of dog treats and canine services.

# K-Staters turn out Saturday to help move in dorm residents

By Shelton Burch KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

When residence halls opened Saturday, one of the largest move -in days of Manhattan began as

tal 3,900 residents moved into K-State's dorms. Moore Hall opened at 9 a.m. Saturday, while other halls prepared and opened at 10. Students and their families waited outside the doors in all kinds of vehicles, from U-Hauls to passenger

nearly 1,700 students out of a to-

Dorm staff and student athletes were on hand to assist students needing help moving in. Students carried their belongings

to dollies to laundry bins. Some students used equipment provided by the halls, others brought their own equipment with them.

"We try our best to organize it as much as possible," said Nick Lander, K-State's assistant director for Residence Life. "It's definitely organized chaos."

Saturday served as a clear testament to the K-State family concept, as two fraternities and more than 50 athletes showed up to help incoming students unload their vehicles. Members of the K-State football team, as well as members of the marching band were on hand early to help with the move-in.

in everything from shopping carts tant for K-State Athletics for fan the windshield. Each parking lot staff is finally able to put some see."

experience and development, said the extra help was very welcome by the families and students.

Everyone was surprised by the showing of support," said Warren. "As soon as they backed up and parked, students found four or five people around them just waiting to help unload."

The roads to the north of Moore, Haymaker and Ford hall were lined with yellow cautionary tape to prevent people from parking in the grass directly in front of the buildings. Traffic guards met each car coming in and wrote the room that each incoming person was assigned to, as well as the time they arrived, Nate Warren, graduate assis- in the lower left hand corner of was labeled as a "15 minute unloading zone" to help keep traffic moving. Lander said the residence

halls officially opened on Sunday, August 16, and had filled up gradually the entire week. Heading into the weekend the halls were about two-thirds full. Saturday marked the beginning of the final push as the last students checked

Brian Jaworski, Residence Life Coordinator of Haymaker Hall, said this was a special day for the resident assistants of each floor because it put all the training they had gone through into practice.

faces to the names," Jaworski

Over in Moore, things were just as busy. Rick Rudnick, Moore Hall's residence life coordinator, said he was most proud of the staff and their ability to keep composed under stress.

"They've done a great job doing the impossible," Rudnick

Kyle Corbett, senior in business marketing and business management, said he thought it was cool to see how the city regroups with its increased popula-

"Every freshman class brings a new and very necessary energy "This is the day where the back with it," he said. "It's fun to







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# Joining the sisterhood

# Recruits, sorority members endure week-long rush

By Justin Moss KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

When asked about their week of recruitment, "overwhelming" seemed to be the word mentioned most often by sorority members at K-State.

"Rush was very hectic and overwhelming at times," said Melissa Hughes, freshman in elementary education and new Kappa Delta sorority

Non-recruits have always wondered what was going on behind those doors while hundreds of girls lined up outside each sorority waiting to be es-

With 618 potential new members,

this was a record-breaking year for sorority recruitment at K-State.

"This is an exciting time for the Greek community at K-State," said Brennen Randal, sophomore in fashion design and member of Kappa Delta. "There's not only a record number of recruits, but all the houses met their quota and were completely filled."

Even with so many new recruits, it's a mystery to outsiders as to what exactly goes on and what it's like to go

through such a process.

"First of all, each day there are different rounds," said Anna Miller, senior in accounting and member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

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"Round one is open house day where the potential new members just visit each house. Then round two is house tour day when the potential new members have to cut three houses on their preferences list with eight houses remaining. After that is round three, or 'sisterhood and philanthropy' day, where the preference list is to be reduced to five houses. Finally, there is round four, or preference day, when the potential new members make the final decision on their top three

Miller said preference day is usually a very emotional day when sororities give a preview of what

initiation is like and sometimes singing is involved.

"On this important day there is an hour-long ceremony at each house, and it is a very quiet and relaxed time to reflect on everything that has happened throughout the week," Miller

Though new members get to pick their favorite houses, they do not have the final say.

"The houses have to ask you back also," Miller said. "It's a mutual selection process."

During this overwhelming process, mutual selection isn't the only thing that lays heavy on the potential new members' consciences; there are also rules to remember.

'Some of the rules enforced include no talking



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Above: Newly initiated Alpha Delta Pi member, Jenna Beloinder, embraces a fellow member Friday night after the sororiety initiation ceremony which was held on the lawn in front of Anderson Hall. This year held a record high for the amount of women which were pledged and initiated in to the Greek community at K-State.

Bottom: The women of Chi Omega await their new pledge sisters Friday evening. Over 1700 where in presence at the events

Those weren't only rules for the recruits, but for the sorority members

"'No frills' is what it's called," Miller said. "We can't do anything that would possibly persuade the potential new members at all. We can't even serve them food or drinks.'

Miller also added that they can indeed serve water but that the sorority sisters must keep the potential new members' glasses and napkins because that would be considered a gift.

With all abstract pros and cons of greek recruitment set aside, it seems



# Rookie of the Year gives "rookie" performance

"Rookie of the Year"

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Concert review by Eli Neal

On Thursday, Rookie of the Year, an Indie/Rock/Pop band based out of North Carolina, made a stop in Manhattan on their first headlining tour. The band played at The Kathouse Lounge along with Go Crash Audio. I had the pleasure, though perhaps mis-fortune is a better word, of attending the concert and interviewing fellow audience members.

The band released their second full-length album "Sweet Attention" at the beginning of August. "Sweet Attention" is different from the band's first album Good Night Moon in a number of ways, though largely because where Goodnight Moon was heartfelt and authentic, "Sweet Attention" is pop and commercial.

Meriel Hardwood, junior in food science, and longtime fan, explained that she likes the band because they are "really good, and have a lot of different styles." She had seen Rookie of the Year on several previous occasions and said while she really enjoyed the show, she felt it wasn't as good as some of the concerts she had seen in the past, adding that she didn't think some of the new band members were as good as the ones that had been at previous shows

Hardwood's feelings about Rookie of the Year aren't surprising. The band is essentially a two-man group consisting of Ryan Dunson on vocals and acoustic guitar and Mike Kamerman on lead guitar and backup vocals. All other members' time with the band has been short-lived. They have had four drummers since 2006, and nearly as many guitar and piano players.

Hardwood, however, appears to be in the minority of people who attended the concert. Billy Davison, a concert attendee, felt the band was "OK," but like many people at the show, he thought the opening band Go Crash Audio was far better than Rookie of the Year. Davison was fairly im-



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The crowd presses against the stage at the Kathouse Lounge in Aggieville as lead vocalist for Rookie of the Year, Ryan Dunson and lead guitarist, Mike Kamerman begin their set list. This was The Rookie of the Year's first headlining tour in Manhattan.

pressed by their drummer but felt the lead singer was "too showman-y too early into the songs." Many other concertgoers had similar feelings about the band's performance, but often they were far less kind.

As far as my opinion of Rookie of the Year, there are several things I can say in favor of the band. Their simple yet high-powered pop-punk guitar licks, the high quality of the production on "Sweet Attention," their repetitive choruses and the way their lead singer's slightly whiny voice gets stuck in your head for hours make them the perfect model of a pop band.

Rookie of the Year falls short of greatness, or even meritocracy, for the same reason that the majority of pop bands do. Perhaps the best explanation of this is captured by their response when asked how they feel about the current state of this nation's troubled economy and political system, and how these views affected their music. The band's response was, "It's really hard to sell records right now.'

This response explains precisely the largest problem with Rookie of the Year and other pop bands: Their desire for record sales far outweighs any desire to make high quality or socially pertinent music.

When listening to "Sweet Attention", this desire to make profitable music is undeniably clear, from their choice to move towards a pop sound after their first album to their choices

in song topics and lyrics. My greatest problem with "Sweet Attention" is that it lacks sincerity. It is an album that is obsessed with women, love and romance; however, almost every song's emotion feels forced, contrived and insincere. Both their live show and their album seem to offer little to anyone outside of teenage girls in the throes of love or the turmoil of their first breakup.

If you are anyone outside of this narrow category, I strongly recommend avoiding the band and album at all costs. In the event that you are a teenage girl in the midst of your first breakup, I recommend you do yourself a favor and buy a copy of Bob Dylan's Blood on the Tracks, an experience I can assure you will be less annoying and far more rewarding than anything Rookie of the Year has to offer.

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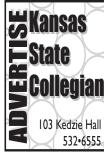
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A mass e-mail will go out this week with all the details about naming the student section, which should be named by the first football game, Warren said.

Concluding the pep rally was the University Program Council sponsored film "Adventureland" that was played over the jumbotron at the stadium.

Emily Haug, student coordinator for WOW, said donations for the event were provided by Ray's Apple Market, PepsiCo Inc. and Rockstar Energy Drink. Haug, senior in political science, said she wants to make the event

"We're hoping the event becomes a new tradition at K-State," Haug said. "Each day is themed as we're trying to help students get used to college life."

The student section was full for the event. Aaron Feldkamp, junior in pre-pharmacy, said he had a great time during the kickoff and pep rally.

"Who doesn't like free food?" Feldkamp said. "I think with this whole thing here, we're getting the freshmen to know exactly what Kansas State is all about'

# **BAND** | Aggieville March

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"Ever since then we've said we were going to do it every year and now we have police escorts," Tracz said. "They clear the streets. Aggieville does a great job [and] Varney's feeds the kids and gives them Tshirts. It's good for Aggieville, good for Manhattan and it's good for our band."

In addition to continuing a band tradition, the members themselves use this as an morale boost.

"Being in the band and coming down to Aggieville to play for everyone in the community is a great way to start off the year," said Tegan Nusser, sophomore in civil engi-

Nusser said that being under the direction of Frank Tracz is hard work, but fun and rewarding.

With the band performing in the street

to an energetic crowd on the sidewalk, Aggieville beamed with K-State pride.

"I can't wait for football season to start, and that was just a taste of what is to come, said Michael Hare, junior in civil engineer-

Hare was in Aggieville watching the band and supporting his girlfriend in Classy Cats as well.

"I think it's cool that they play in Aggieville because when I think of Manhattan, not only do I think of K-State, but also Aggieville," Hare said. "It's a cool little intro to the school year."

Tracz said that the annual Aggieville performance is great for the band and that this is what college band is supposed to be

"It's nice to have Coach Snyder back because everything old is new again," Tracz said. "We are going back to our old traditions."

# Swine flu breaks out at KU

### **Staff Report**

The swine flu has broken out at the University of Kansas with 32 confirmed cases in the first week of classes, according to the Kansas City Star.

The disease is spreading at an average rate of six cases per day, according to fox4kc.com.

KU is encouraging students who have the H1N1 virus to remain isolated, whether that be by staying in their dorm rooms or going back home.

Although the virus is affecting the university, the outbreak was not unexpected. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention alerted colleges that the virus would spread with the beginning of school, according to the article.

With the advanced warning, colleges have put several plans into place. At KU and K-State, the electronic alert system will be used to notify the campuses about the spread of the virus, according to the article.

In order to keep students healthy, officials are encouraging them to be preventative by using various healthy practices, like frequent hand washing.

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